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SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION GROUPS

1. ACCORDING TO AN AFP ITEM, MRS. JOANA SIMIAO, VICE PRESIDENT OF GUMO, MET IN PARIS MAY 30 WITH A FRELIMO DELEGATE TO THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MOVEMENT FOR PEACE, MR. PANGENI. DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE, MRS. SIMIAO REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THIS MEETING WOULD LEAD TO "FUTURE MEETINGS AT HIGH LEVELS". SHE APPEALED TO THE TWO MOVEMENTS TO REACH AN AGREEMENT "FOR THE UNIFICATION OF THEIR FORCES".

2. MRS. SIMIAO IS ALSO CITED AS SAYING THAT SHE "CONSIDERS THAT PEACE IN MOZAMBIQUE CANNOT BE OBTAINED UNTIL AFTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PORTUGUESE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AND FRELIMO". GUMO HAS NO RIGHT TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS, SHE SAID, BUT CONSIDERS THAT A TRANSITORY PERIOD OF AT LEAST A YEAR IS NECESSARY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW INSTITUTIONS BEFORE THE ACCESSION OF MOZAMBIQUE TO INDEPENDENCE.
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